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COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO.

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION see below

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DATE OF CONTENT 21 to 29 September 1953

25X1A DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 9 October 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

were previously

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CB - converted boxcar

B - boxcar

F - flatcar

SSy - heavy-duty flatcar

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25X1 [REDACTED] 1. Troop trains [REDACTED] on 21, 22 and 23 September 1953 25X1
included: 25X1Date in Composition of
September Troop Trains

From

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21	10 CB, 5 B, 31 F	Kroepelin	Chemnitz
	4 CB, 9 F	Neubukow	Breitenbrunn
	3 CB, 5 B, 22 F	"	Chemnitz
22	1 CB, 4 F	"	Gransee
23	9 CB, 7 B, 27 F	"	Dessau
	7 CB, 6 B, 24 F	Kroepelin	"
	3 CB, 15 F	Dranse	Jerichow
	7 CB, 8 P, 43 F	Neubukow	Klotzsche
	6 CB, 38 F	Guestrow	Jerichow

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- 25X1 [] 2. Troop trains [] on 25 and 26 September included:

<u>Date in September</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
25	22 CB, 8 B, 85 F	Satzkorn	Neustrelitz
	17 CB, 10 F, 5 SSy	Satzkorn	Letzlingen
	2 B, 40 F	"	Wolmirstedt
	15 CB, 3 B, 40 F	"	Letzlingen
26	11 CB, 2 B, 33 F	"	"
	3 CB, 7 B, 35 F	"	"
	10 CB, 1 B, 39 F	Velten	Neustrelitz
	9 CB, 1 B, 35 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Haldensleben
	8 CB, 3 B, 49 F	"	Gardelegen
	7 CB, 4 B, 35 F	Forst Zinna	Gardelegen
	2 CB, 1 B, 17 F	Kaulsdorf	Templin

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- 25X1A [] 3. [] troops were to be unloaded on 25 and 26

September and entrained on and after 29 September at the following railroad stations: Wolmirstedt, Mahlwinkel, Tangerhuette, Haldensleben, Hillersleben, Gross-Wudicke, Jerichow, Genthin, Magdeburg-Brueckfeld, Stendal, Tangermuende, Krovenitz, and Quedlinburg-Quarmbeck. It was also ordered that the Hillersleben and Haldensleben railroad stations were to be connected by telephone. Loading material to be made available at each railroad station included 14 loading ramps and 42 iron sleepers. 4

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1. [] Comment. The receiving stations indicate that the following units returned to their home stations from the Wustrow AAA Range:

On 21 September 1953. Contingents of the 6th Cds AAA Div (US). The troop train with [] was previously observed by another source. [] On 11 and 12 August 1953, these troops arrived at Wustrow from Chemnitz on two troop trains.

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On 23 September 1953. Components of the 62nd AAA Div (US) which, on 14 and 15 August 1953, moved from Dessau to Wustrow; and a component of the 4th Gds AAA Div. As contingents of this division went from Klotzsche to Wustrow on two troop trains on 19 and 20 August 1953, an additional train probably will return from Wustrow after 23 September 1953.

25X1A 2. [] Comment. Another source learned that troops were continually detrained at the Jerichow railroad station on and after 24 September 1953. The troop trains from Dranse and Guestrow probably carried units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps to this area. Reports available indicate that, beginning about on 25 September 1953, forces of this corps concentrated in the Schoenhausen - Wudicke - Jerichow area and possibly were the enemy party against other forces which concentrated in the northern sector of Letzling Heath during the same period. [] and the present report, []

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25X1A Comment 4.

25X1A 3. [] Comment. According to similar statements by two other sources, the 25X1
troop trains with [] went from Velten to 25X1A
Neustrelitz. [] The reference report indicates that
the troop train with shipment-record No 61980 also went from Velten to
Neustrelitz. The units loaded cannot definitely be identified.

25X1A 4. [] Comment. [] roughly indicates the extension
of the area in which field exercises started on and after 26 September 1953.
According to previous conclusions, contingents of the following units may have
participated in the field exercises:

Of the Third Shock Army. Probably the 19th Gds Mecz Div, the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, and headquarters units from Magdeburg; and contingents of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps from Wismar, the Guestrow area and Wittstock.

Of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. Probably the 10th Gds Tank Div with components transported from Satzkorn to the northern sector of Letzling Heath on 10 troop trains; and contingents of the 63rd AAA Div (US) from Fuerstenwalde.

Of the Second Gds Mecz Army. Possibly a component of the 12th Gds Tank Div from Neuruppin.

Of the Third Gds Mecz Army. Units which moved from the Jueterbog - Forst Zinna area to Letzling Heath. These three troop trains, however, could have also been loaded with AAA troops of this army which, after completion of combat firing practices, returned to their units.

The placing at the beginning of a force each west and east of the Elbe River again indicates that river crossing was one of the subjects of the maneuver. It cannot be said whether this field exercise actually terminated on 29 September 1953 as indicated in paragraph 3.

25X1A 5. [] Comment. The troop train [] carried tank
units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which returned from Berlin - East to Templin.

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